

Amendment to the Claims

Kindly amend the claims as indicated below.

1. (Withdrawn) A device for securing and displaying cards, comprising i) a clip having a front side which has an inner surface, an outer surface and side edges, ii) a connector piece, iii) an intermediate securing piece secured to the clip, and iv) a carrier having a proximal end secured to the intermediate securing piece, wherein the intermediate securing piece is wider than the clip and is attached to the clip in such a way that a first piece of the connector piece is fastened to the inner surface of the front side of the clip and extends beyond the side edges of the clip, a second piece of the connector piece having a width equal to the width of the first piece of connector piece and the intermediate securing piece and having a length such that it will cover the outer surface of the front piece of the clip and extend distally to cover the intermediate securing piece and a portion of the carrier, is secured to the outer surface of the front side of the clip, the portions of the first piece of the connector piece which extend beyond the front side of the clip, the intermediate securing piece, and a proximal portion of the carrier.
2. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 1, wherein the carrier is a transparent plastic card carrier having a plurality of sheets, each sheet having a pocket therein for carrying at least one card.
3. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 1, wherein the attachment of the carrier to the intermediate securing piece includes an additional holding means.
4. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 1, wherein the intermediate securing piece is a sheet of such a size and shape as to accommodate visual information.

5. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 1, wherein the first piece of the connector piece and the second piece of the connector piece are attached to each other by adhesion, lamination, press-punch or hook-and-eye attachment means.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) The device of claim ~~6~~ 12, wherein the intermediate securing piece is a sheet of such a size and shape as to accommodate visual information.

8. (Currently Amended) The device of claim ~~6~~ 12, wherein the first piece of the connector piece and the second piece of the connector piece are attached to each other by adhesion, lamination, press-punch or hook-and-eye attachment means.

9. (Withdrawn) A device for securing and displaying cards, comprising i) a clip having a front side which has an inner surface, an outer surface and side edges, ii) a connector piece, and iii) a carrier having a proximal end secured to the clip, wherein the carrier is attached to the clip in such a way that a first piece of the connector piece is fastened to the inner surface of the front side of the clip and extends beyond the side edges of the clip, a second piece of the connector piece having a width equal to the width of the first piece of connector piece and having a length such that it will cover the outer surface of the front piece of the clip and extend distally to cover a portion of the carrier, is secured to the outer surface of the front side or the rear side of the clip, the portions of the first piece of the connector piece which extend beyond the front side of the clip, and a proximal portion of the carrier.

10. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 9, wherein the carrier is a transparent plastic card carrier having a plurality of sheets, each sheet having a pocket therein for carrying at least one card.

11. (Withdrawn) The device of claim 9, wherein the first piece of the connector piece and the second piece of the connector piece are attached to each other by adhesion, lamination, press-punch or hook-and-eye attachment means.

12. (New) A device for securing and displaying cards, comprising the parts of
i) a first clip comprising a front side which has an inner surface, an outer surface and side edges; ii) a second clip comprising a front side which has an inner surface, an outer surface and side edges; iii) two first connector pieces having side edges; iv) one second connector piece having side edges and v) an intermediate securing piece; the configuration of the parts being such that the intermediate securing piece is wider than each of the first and second clips; the first connector pieces, when fastened to the inner surfaces of the front sides of the first and second clips, respectively, extend beyond the side edges of the first and second clips; the second connector piece has a width substantially equal to the width of each of the first connector pieces; and the second connector piece has a length such that, when the device is assembled, the second connector piece will cover the outer surface of the front side of the first clip, the intermediate securing piece, and the outer surface of the front side of the second clip; the assembly of the device results in one first connector piece being fastened to the inner surface of the front side of the first clip, the other first connector piece being fastened to the inner surface of the front side of the second clip, the side edges of the first connector pieces extending beyond the side edges of the first and second clips, the second connector piece being secured to the flat front surfaces of the front sides of the first and second clips, those portions of the first connector pieces that extend beyond the edges of the first and second clips and the front surface of the intermediate securing piece.